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IN RE APPLICATION

OF: BOYMOND ET AL.

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EXAMINER: JON D. EPPERSON

FOR: A PROCESS FOR PREPARING GRIGNARD COMPOUNDS

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Sir:

Further to applicants' request for continued examination and in light of the Examiner's remarks in the Examiner's Answer dated December 30, 2003, it is respectfully requested that the following supplemental remarks be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above-identified application:

SUPPLEMENTAL REMARKS

The Examiner pointed out in response to applicants' previous arguments¹⁾ that applicants failed to address his position "that both the Minoura and Caporiccio references disclose 'magnesium-halogen exchange reactions' on a 'solid support', which clearly demonstrates

1) Page 6, No. (11), of the Examiner's Answer (Paper No. 18), emphasis original.